

ADVANCE TRACK

Notes

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Advancing Toward God

Introduction

Welcome to Advance Track! In this program, you will have the opportunity to earn points for completing activities in this book and for mastering the basics of a biblical foundation.

(Note: not all of the activities listed are required. You can select the level of participation that works for you!)

Every week, arrive early and turn in this journal to your Shepherd to collect Advance Track points. Different activities earn different point values. Do not underestimate the benefit consistently completing activities that have a lower point value! Mastering the basics will create awesome spiritual habits—and rack up points over time!

Progression

We will run two semesters per year. Advance Track is designed for you to complete 1 Level per semester. Premium Prizes require at least 400 points per semester.

- Level 1 = Black
- Level 2 = Blue
- Level 3 = Green
- Level 4 = Red
- Level 5 = Yellow
- Level 6 = Navy

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Psalm 65:4

1. Rewrite the verse in your own words below.

2. Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God for choosing you to be a part of his people.

Daily Devotional—Week Twelve—Choice

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Awards

Every semester, you will earn awards for points earned. Your points DO NOT carry over from one semester to the next for awards.

50 Points

- Advance Track God Bracelet

100 Points

- Advance Track Lanyard

200 Points

- Advance Track Gear Bag

300 Points

- Advance Track Celebration Party

400 Points

- Advance Track T-Shirt

400 Points

- \$50 off Character Quest* registration.
(Students have the opportunity to earn a total of \$100 off their Character Quest registration if they earn 400 points in both semesters of that school year.)

700 Points

- Elite Prize at the Advance Track Party

*WOC summer camp for students who have currently completed 4th—6th grade.

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Daily Devotional—Day Four

GREEN LEVEL POINT OPPORTUNITIES

5 Points each

Attend Upper Elementary Weekend Service

Bring Bible to Church

10 Points each

Memorize Bible Verses

1 Corinthians 10:13

1 Corinthians 15:17

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Deuteronomy 30:19

James 5:7-8

Philippians 4:6-7

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

1 Peter 3:3-4

Colossians 3:23

Ephesians 2:8-9

Matthew 11:28-29

Hebrews 13:1-2

25 Points

After you have memorized ALL of the above Bible verses

Romans 6:4

Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:6-8

1. Why did God choose the Jewish people?

2. Describe someone in your life who loves you.
How do you know they love you?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

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Foundations of Faith

Scripture: Romans 12:11-13

1. From this passage, list three Godly choices you could make.

2. What obstacles might keep you from making God-honoring choices today?

10 Points

In my Advance toward God
I will **Acknowledge** Him in all I do
and **Display** Godly qualities!
I will have a **Voice** that will be heard and be
Accountable for my actions!
I will have a heart that is **Noble** and be **Called** to a
purpose, living my life with **Excellence!**

20 Points

The Twelve Tribes of Jacob

- REUBEN
- DAN
- ISSACHAR
- SIMEON
- NAPHTALI
- ZEBULUN
- LEVI
- GAD
- JOSEPH
- JUDAH
- ASHER
- BENJAMIN

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Foundations of Faith

20 Points each

The Romans Road

Romans 3:23 — Tells us we have sinned

Romans 6:23 — Tells us the consequences of sin

Romans 5:8 — Tells us Jesus died for us as we are

Romans 5:1 — Tells us we have been justified; our
sin has been erased

Romans 8:1 — Tells us we are not condemned

Romans 10:9-10 — Tells us how to accept Jesus

Romans 10:13 — Tells us we are indeed saved

Romans 8:38-39 — Tells us nothing can separate us
from God's love

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1. What do you learn about making good choices from these verses?

2. How do you know if the choice you are making is the very best choice you could make?

Daily Devotional—Day One

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Foundations of Faith

Scripture: Matthew 18:23-30

1. Which character made a good choice? Which character made a bad choice? Explain.

2. Describe a time you had to ask someone for forgiveness.

20 Points each

Categories of the Books of the Bible

The Law:

GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY

History:

JOSHUA
JUDGES
RUTH
1, 2 SAMUEL
1, 2 KINGS
1, 2 CHRONICLES
EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER
ACTS (NT)

Poetry/Wisdom

JOB
PSALMS
PROVERBS
ECCLESIASTES
SONG OF SOLOMON
LAMENTATIONS

Major Prophecy:

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
EZEKIEL
DANIEL
REVELATION (NT)

Minor Prophecy:

HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAHA
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

Gospels:

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

Letters:

ROMANS
1, 2 CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
1, 2 THESSALONIANS
1, 2 TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON
HEBREWS
JAMES
1, 2 PETER
1, 2, 3 JOHN
JUDE

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Book Reports

50 Points each

JOSHUA

1. Why was this book written and to whom?

2. Discuss something God tells Joshua in this book and how it applies to how you should live:

3. Describe a mistake that Joshua made and how you might make that same mistake:

4. Explain the charge that Joshua gives to the people before he died. Do you agree with his thoughts?

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK TWELVE

CHARACTER TRAIT

CHOICE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, I need your help every day to make good choices. Please surround me with people who are also making good choices. My desire is to honor you in all I do. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Proverbs 13:18

1. According to this verse how can you gain honor?

2. List one thing you can do today that will honor the Lord.

Daily Devotional—Week Eleven—Respect/Honor

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Book Reports

50 Points each

JUDGES

1. Why was this book written and to whom?

2. List the Judges by name:

3. Can you see the same cycle of problems in your life as the Israelites had? Describe this cycle and how it might happen to you.

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Book Reports

50 Points each

PHILIPPIANS

1. What does this book tell you about Paul?

2. What does this book tell you about the Philippian believers?

3. What does this book say we should think about?

4. What does this book teach us about how to live? List at least one example from each chapter.

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Proverbs 27:17-19

1. What do you think this passage means?

2. List a task or job you had to do this week. Did you do your very best?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Leviticus 10:2-3

1. Summarize the passage.

2. What did you think/feel when you read the passage?

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Daily Devotional

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WEEK ONE

CHARACTER TRAIT

COURAGE

Prayer for the week:

Lord,

*I ask for the wisdom to know what is right and
the courage to follow you wherever you lead.*

Help me stand for you even when I am afraid.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Ezra 7:27-28

1. What did Ezra need courage to do?

2. Describe a time you had to ask someone for a favor. Were you afraid they would say no?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

1. What can you learn from this passage about showing others respect?

2. List two things from the passage that you can do today to show respect others.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:13-15

1. What does this passage mean?

2. How can you apply this passage to your life?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 25:7-8

1. Who displayed courage in this passage?

2. Describe a time you had to tell someone the truth that they might not have wanted to hear.

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

1. In this passage, what other things are associated with being courageous?

2. How can you apply this verse to your life today?

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Daily Devotional

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Directions

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WEEK ELEVEN

CHARACTER TRAIT

RESPECT/HONOR

Prayer for the week:

Lord, I love you and want to honor you today. Please help me remember you all day and teach me how to live in a way that pleases you.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Jeremiah 20:12-13

1. What does Jeremiah want in this passage?

2. Describe a challenge you face today. Spend a minute and ask the Lord to help you.

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Philippians 1:19-21

1. How did Paul display courage in this passage?

2. Think back over your week, describe a challenge you faced. How did you handle it?

Daily Devotional—Week Ten—Commitment

Completed by: _____

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Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Hebrews 3:5-6

1. How was Moses courageous? How was Jesus courageous?

2. Write a prayer below and ask the Lord to give you courage today to remain faithful to him.

Daily Devotional—Week One—Courage

Completed by: _____

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Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

1. In this passage the word “committed” means that someone is trusting you with something very important. What is God trusting you to do, according to this passage?

2. An ambassador of a country represents that country and presents whatever message the leader wants communicated. How can you be an ambassador for Christ today?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 16:9a

1. What benefit will you receive if you are committed to the Lord?

2. How do you feel knowing that God is watching you because he wants to help you?

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WEEK TWO

CHARACTER TRAIT

LOVE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, open my eyes that I can see how much you love me. Thank you that you sent Jesus to save me as a demonstration of your love. Help me love other people. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: John 3:16

1. How did God show his love for the world?

2. What does this verse mean for your life?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Luke 10:21-23

1. What things have been entrusted to Jesus?

2. Describe a time you let someone borrow something of value from you. Did you trust that person to take care of the item?

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: 1 Kings 8:56-61

1. In this passage how was God committed to the Israelite people? How were the people committed to God?

2. Describe a commitment you have made to someone in the past.

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Psalm 13:4-6

1. What do you learn about God's love in this passage?

2. How can knowing that someone loves you help you face a difficult situation?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39

1. Who does Jesus command us to love in this passage?

2. List one thing you will do today to show love to God. List one thing you will do to love your neighbor.

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Daily Devotional

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Directions

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WEEK TEN

CHARACTER TRAIT

COMMITMENT

Prayer for the week:

Lord, help me to understand all of the things you have done for me so that I will be more fully committed to your plan for my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Proverbs 19:11

1. Rewrite the verse in your own words below.

2. Think of someone who typically frustrates you. How can you be more patient with this person today? Explain.

Daily Devotional—Week Nine—Patience

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Luke 6:27-28

1. Who does Jesus want you to love? How does He define your enemy?

2. Describe a situation when someone was mean to you but you responded with kindness.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: John 15:12-14

1. What do you learn about love from this passage?

2. What does it mean to you to love someone the way Jesus loves you?

Daily Devotional—Week Two—Love

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Romans 8:24-25

1. How are hope and patience connected in this passage?

2. Describe something you are hoping for today.

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Hebrews 6:14-15

1. What was Abraham waiting for? Why was this important?

2. Abraham waited years for God's promise to be fulfilled. What is the longest time you had to wait for something? What helped you during this time to be patient?

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Daily Devotional

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Each Week:

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WEEK THREE

CHARACTER TRAIT

PERSEVERANCE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, help me get rid of everything in my life that keeps me from your best. Help me run with perseverance the race you have marked out for me.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:6-8

1. What does this passage say about love and perseverance?

2. What does this passage mean to you?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Psalm 27:13-14

1. What was David hoping to see?

2. Describe a time you had to wait for something you really wanted. Did you value it more because you had to wait for it? Why or why not?

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Psalm 33:20-21

1. Who is the person in this passage waiting for? What are they expecting the Lord to do?

2. Have you ever had to wait for a visit from someone you really wanted to see? Was it easy or hard to wait? How did you feel having to wait for them to arrive?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:15-16

1. According to these verses, what should you persevere in?

2. How can the way you choose to live your life influence others?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Hebrews 10:35-37

1. What does this passage say happens when you choose to persevere?

2. Describe a situation when you did not give up (even though you wanted to). What happened?

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WEEK NINE

CHARACTER TRAIT

PATIENCE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, I know I need to be patient, but it is hard. Please help me learn to be patient. I pray that I will have your joy while I wait.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:12-13

1. What does this passage teach about loyalty?

2. How do you feel knowing that Jesus remains faithful to you even when you might struggle?

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Jude 1:20-21

1. What is our reward when we persevere (verse 21)?

2. List two things from this passage you can do to help you persevere.

Daily Devotional—Week Eight—Loyalty

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: James 1:12

1. Rewrite the verse in your own words.

2. What do you think/feel when you read this verse?

Daily Devotional—Week Three—Perseverance

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: 3 John 1:2-4

1. Who is the apostle John speaking to? Summarize what he says to his "friend".

2. What does being loyal to someone mean to you?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Psalm 78:36-38

1. What do you learn about loyalty from this passage?

2. Do you think it is possible to say something but not really believe it in your heart? Explain.

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Daily Devotional

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Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK FOUR

CHARACTER TRAIT

CONTENTMENT

Prayer for the week:

Lord, please give me a heart of gratitude. I pray that I will choose to be content in every situation because I trust that you have a good plan for my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Job 36:10-12

1. What does this passage say you have to do in order to be content?

2. Have you ever received discipline from a parent? How did it make you feel?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:17-19

1. How did King David and his son Solomon show their loyalty to God?

2. Describe a time you displayed loyalty to a friend or family member.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Proverbs 2:7-9

1. According to this passage why would you want to be loyal to the Lord?

2. How do you choose who you are loyal to?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Psalm 145:15-17

1. What do we learn about the Lord from this passage?

2. How can believing this passage to be true bring contentment to your life?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:8

1. This verse says that you can have lots of things but still not be happy or content. Do you agree? Why or why not?

2. Describe a time you received something you really wanted (bike, toy, video game...). How did you feel? How did you feel about that item one year later?

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK EIGHT

CHARACTER TRAIT

LOYALTY

Prayer for the week:

Lord, give me the strength and courage to be loyal to you and your word above anything else in my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:1

1. From this verse why do you think God wants his people to obey his word?

2. Describe a time you chose to be obedient and something good happened as a result.

Daily Devotional—Week Seven—Obedience

Completed by: _____

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Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-3

1. What does this passage mean to you? How can it teach you to be content?

2. Define contentment in your own words.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-13

1. This passage implies you can be content when you have few material possessions. Do you agree? Why or why not?

2. Write a prayer of thanksgiving below for all of the things you have today (food, clothes, toys, family...).

Daily Devotional—Week Four—Contentment

Completed by: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: John 14:15

1. What do you learn about obedience from this verse?

2. List one way you can be obedient to the Lord today.

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Psalm 128:1-2

1. Describe the person who walks in obedience to the Lord.

2. Rewrite the verses in your own words below.

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK FIVE

CHARACTER TRAIT

SACRIFICE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, help me see things the way you do, even when it is hard help me learn to sacrifice for things that are important. Thank you for the sacrifice you made for me. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Romans 3:22-25

1. What did God sacrifice? What does that mean for us?

2. Ask an adult what the word "righteousness" means. Write down their response below.

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-3

1. According to this passage who should you obey? What can you expect if you choose to be obedient to your parents?

2. List one thing that you can do today to honor your mother or father.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: 1 John 5:2-4

1. According to this passage what does it mean to love God?

2. Verse 3 says that God's commands are not burdensome. What do you think that means?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Mark 12:32-34

1. In this passage, Jesus used the word “sacrifices” to mean doing things to try and earn your salvation. Why does he suggest loving God and loving each other is a better way?

2. In this passage someone in the crowd asked Jesus a question. If you had been there, what question would you have asked him?

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Proverbs 21:3

1. Rewrite the verse in your own words.

2. How do you know if you are making a good choice?

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Daily Devotional

20 Points per week

Directions

Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
3. Have your Devotional signed to confirm completed work.

WEEK SEVEN

CHARACTER TRAIT

OBEDIENCE

Prayer for the week:

Lord, open my ears to hear your voice. I pray that I will have a willing and obedient heart to do whatever you say. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: Proverbs 28:25-26

1. What promise does this passage hold for those who trust in the Lord?

2. What would you describe as a foolish act? What does this passage say is foolish?

Daily Devotional—Week Six—Trust

Completed by: _____

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Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-6

1. Who is the “living stone” in verse four? What do we learn about Him?

2. Who is someone in your life you know will always be there for you; someone you would describe as your rock?

Daily Devotional—Day Five

Scripture: 1 John 2:1-3

1. What do you learn about sin from this passage?

2. Who holds the solution to our sin problem? How does this passage make you feel?

Daily Devotional—Week Five—Sacrifice

Completed by: _____

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Date: _____

Daily Devotional—Day Four

Scripture: Isaiah 12:2

1. What do you learn about God from this verse?

2. Write the verse out below. Read the verse out loud today as a prayer.

Daily Devotional—Day Three

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:7-8

1. Describe the person who trusts in the Lord.

2. Who is someone in your life that you trust.
Why do you trust them?

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Daily Devotional

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Each Week:

1. Look up the scripture in your Bible and underline it.
2. Answer the questions.
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WEEK SIX

CHARACTER TRAIT

TRUST

Prayer for the week:

Lord, give me a revelation of who you are so that I will trust you more. I thank you that when I am afraid I can trust you and you will help me.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Daily Devotional—Day One

Scripture: Luke 16:10

1. What do you learn about trust from this verse?

2. Do you have any chores that you are responsible for at home? What happens if you don't do them?

Daily Devotional—Day Two

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-6

1. What does this passage mean?

2. Have you ever had a friend that let you down or disappointed you? Jesus is a friend that will never let you down. How does that make you feel?
